

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 **Blessings – If You Obey God’s Commandments**

Contingency to Receive the Blessings from God

¹ "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Pronounced Blessings for Obedience

² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

³ Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

⁴ Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

⁵ Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

⁶ Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

Accompanying Security

⁷ "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

Extent of Blessing for Obedience

⁸ The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Special Relationship with God for Obedience

⁹ The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

Fame, Honor, Respect, and a Witness Among Nations

¹⁰ Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.

Abundance for Obedience

¹¹ And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

¹² The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Prominence among the Nations, for Adherence to God’s Commandments

¹³ And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

Conclusion

¹⁴ So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ God desires to pour out blessings in abundance upon His people. [Genesis 12:1-3, 18:17-19]
- ✧ The Blessings of God are contingent upon the obedience of His people to **all** of His commandments.
- ✧ Righteousness of Government and righteousness of living on the part of God's people will establish the environment in which God will freely bless in abundance with all that may be desired on earth.
 - ◇ This includes both peace and prosperity.
 - ◇ This is the characteristic described in Scripture that will be present during the Kingdom age when Messiah will reign for a thousand years. The government will be perfectly righteous, the world will abound with the blessing of universal peace, while prosperity and abundance will be common to everyone.
- ✧ God Always Keeps All His Promises
- ✧ As stated so many times before, the continued blessing and security, welfare, and tenure in the land is subject to their careful obedience to all the commandments of God. [Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 40, 5:33, 6:3, 18, 24, 8:1-3, 11:18-21, 12:28, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Luke 10:25-28, Galatians 3:12]

The Contingency depends on Your Careful Adherence to God's Commandments

- ✧ **If you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God**, to observe carefully **all** His commandments which I command you today. [Deuteronomy 28:1, Genesis 18:17-19, 22:15-18, 26:1-5, Exodus 23:20-26, Deuteronomy 7:6-16, 11:26-27, 15:1-6, 30:15-16]

The Resulting Exalted Honor and Prominence

- ✧ Yehowah Eloheyk (the LORD your God) **will set you high above all nations of the earth.** [Deuteronomy 28:1, Exodus 19:5-6, Deuteronomy 7:6-16, 10:12-16, 14:2, 15:5-6, 26:18-19, 28:1-14]

The Resulting Blessing of Prosperity [Deuteronomy 15:5-6, 28:2-6]

- ✧ You will be blessed in the city and in the country. [Deuteronomy 28:3]
- ✧ You will be blessed with an abundance of health and children. [Genesis 18:15-18, Deuteronomy 28:4, 11]
- ✧ You will be blessed in the quality and abundance of the produce of your ground. [Deuteronomy 28:4]
- ✧ You will be blessed in the increase of your herds, of cattle, and of your flocks. [Deuteronomy 28:4]
- ✧ You will be blessed in your basket and kneading bowl. [Deuteronomy 28:5]
- ✧ You will be blessed in all your ways, when you come in and when you go out. [Deuteronomy 28:6]
- ✧ Yehowah will command the blessing on you; [Deuteronomy 28:8]
 - ◇ In your storehouses.
 - ◇ In all to which you set your hand.
- ✧ You will be blessed in the land Yehowah Eloheyk is giving you.

The Resulting Blessing of Security [Deuteronomy 28:7, Genesis 14:19-20, 22:15-17, Exodus 23:22, Leviticus 26:3-8, Deuteronomy 6:16-19, 20:1-4, 23:14]

- ✧ Yehowah will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you.
 - ◇ They will come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways.

Special Relationship with God [Deuteronomy 28:9, Exodus 19:5-6, Deuteronomy 7:6-16, 10:12-16, 14:2, 26:18-19, 28:1-14]

- ✧ Yehowah will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you.

The Renewed Contingency [Deuteronomy 28:9]

- ✧ All of this will happen only **IF** you keep the commandments of Yehowah Eloheyk and walk in His ways. [Deuteronomy 28:1, Genesis 18:17-19, 22:15-18, 26:1-5, Exodus 23:20-26, Deuteronomy 7:6-16, 11:26-27, 15:1-6, 30:15-16]

Witness Among Nations with Fame, Honor, and Respect

- ✧ Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. [Deuteronomy 28:10, Exodus 15:14, Deuteronomy 2:25, 4:6]

Abundance for Obedience

- ✧ And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. [Deuteronomy 28:11]
- ✧ The Treasure of the Heavens that Yehowah will open for you is: [Deuteronomy 28:12]
 - ✧ Rain on the land in its season for abundant harvest.
 - ✧ Fruitfulness of the work of your hands.
 - ✧ Financial prosperity so you will loan to others, but you will not have to borrow.
- ✧ Among the nations of the earth, you will be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. [Deuteronomy 28:13, Exodus 19:5-6, Deuteronomy 7:6-16, 10:12-16, 14:2, 15:5-6, 26:18-19, 28:1-14]

The Reasserted Contingency

- ✧ If you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. [Deuteronomy 28:12, Genesis 18:17-19, 22:15-18, 26:1-5, Exodus 23:20-26, Deuteronomy 7:6-16, 11:26-27, 15:1-6, 28:1-14, 30:15-16]

Conclusion

- ✧ So do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day. [Deuteronomy 28:14]
 - ✧ Do not turn to the right or to the left. [Deuteronomy 5:32, 17:14-20, 28:14]
 - ✧ Do not go after other gods to serve them. [Exodus 20:3-6, 23:31, 34:12-17, Deuteronomy 4:32-40, 5:7, 6:10-15, 7:1-5, 8:19-20, 11:16-17, 26-28, 13:1-11, 12-18, 17:2-7, 18:20, 28:14, 30:15-20, 31:16-21]